WINTER
IN
Canada

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SNOWSHOER

WHAT a Bugaboo is our season of winter to all who have never experienced it, and who meanwhile shiver through an arctic description of "Winter in Canada" from some authorative text book, and what a revelation of all that is bright, cheery, and altogether enjoyable is there in store for those who come here.

The difficulty of describing a winter in Canada lies in the fact, that like conditions do not prevail in all portions of our vast Dominion during the winter, for example at one time during the winter of 1903-04 while we in Montreal had an abundance of snow,in Medicine Hat, some thousands of miles west they were playing tennis in outside courts, and flowers were blooming in the gardens of the Pacific Slope of British Columbia, therefore we shall deal with winter as we experience it in the older provinces of Canada.

Our winter may be generally described as a season of clear, cold weather, bright sunshine, and unclouded skies, and nights of starry splendor not to be seen save in a northern clime. With the winter comes the demand for Skates, Hockey Sticks, Snowshoes and Skies. There are few cities or towns in Canada which do not contain a skating rink and most of the larger rinks are contained within structures maintained by club subscription, under control of regularly organized skating clubs. Band afternoon or evening at any of the larger clubs is a most popular function, on such occasions, the rinks are thronged with skaters and waltzers, waltzing to the music rendered by one of our fine military bands is a graceful exercise much indulged in. For those who love the "roaring" game there is ample opportunity to indulge to their hearts content.

Have you ever seen a game of Hockey as played on the ice by some of our crack teams? If not you have missed the sensation of your life. Hockey as played in Canada is by all means the fastest and most exciting game at present indulged in, perfect physical condition, cool judgment, plenty of nerve together with swift and certain skating are demanded of a Hockey player; these qualities with an utter subordination of the individual to the necessities of the team go to make up the best players of our finest teams, as Lacrosse is the National summer game so is Hockey as adopted by Canadians, the National winter sport.

HOCKEY PLAYER

A less strenuous, although none the less exciting amusement is Tobogganing. A toboggan consists of several very thin boards of hard wood placed side by side and held in place by cross bars, one end of the boards is curled up and is held in place by thongs, two light rods bound to the end of the cross bars on either side give additional strength and rigidity to the Toboggan which will measure in length from 6 to 10 feet and in width 18 to 24 inches, all that is necessary to complete your happiness is a long flat cushion and a hill, the steeper the hill the better. Hills are not always adjacent, in which case we build one. In other words we erect a tall platform from which a slide is built with one or more chutes well coated with ice, and then you have all that is necessary to create the sensation of falling down an elevator shaft, minus the rude bump at the bottom. At night the slide is usually lit with electric lights throughout its whole length. Tobogganing is very popular with the youth of both sexes and as an open air sport is highly beneficial. Snowshoeing is another outdoor pastime much indulged in by old and young, singly, in groups, or clubs. Numeous snowshoe clubs flourish in winter, some of these clubs maintain luxurious club houses, every club has its evening set apart as its tramp night, and are occasions of much fun and jollity, starting from the club house the tramp is generally to some popular place of resort where a pleasant hour is spent and the time honored ceremony of bouncing the guest of the evening, or the last joined member is carried out. Within the last few years ski-ing has been introduced into Canada as a sport, and bids fair to become popular, Ski races and jumping competitions were held on the slopes of Mount Royal during the season of 1903-04 for the first time in Montreal.

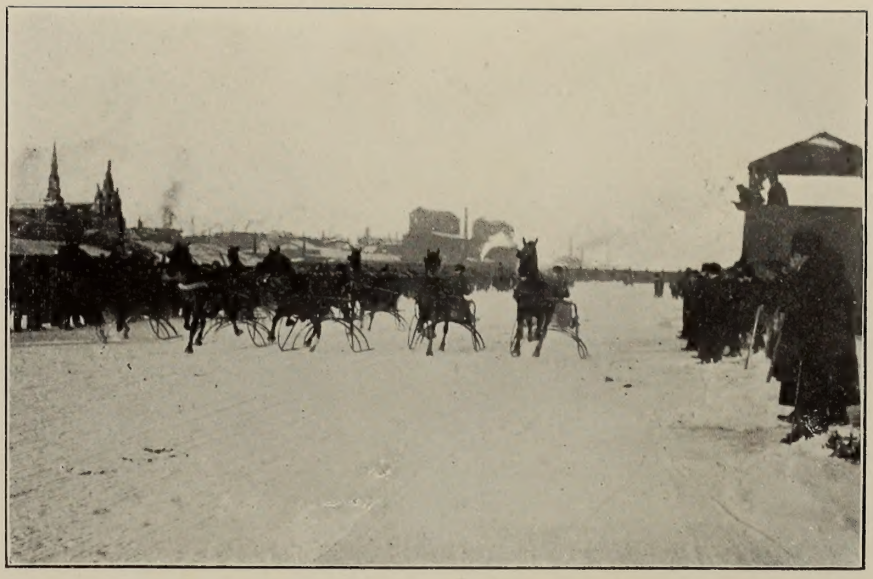
Even the Yatchman is not altogether deprived of his favorite amusement and in ice-boating he can repeat all the manoeuvres of his summer experience. Ice-boating requires ice more or less free from snow and such conditions are generally to be found in and about Toronto where some of the swiftest and finest boats are to be found.

Horse trotting on the ice is also very popular. Meets are held in circuit and many valuable stakes are competed for by fast horses from the United States as well as from all parts of Canada.

It must not be inferred from the pictures in this book that we have winter all the year around, Canada puts off her winter robes of white, the ice disappears quickly, we have a fine summer of flowers and fruit, and golden grain. The seasons follow in quick succession, but withal the climate is grand at any season of the year.

WINTER SCENE

LORD AND LADY MINTO IN WINTER SPORTING COSTUME



HORSE TROTTING (RUNNERS)

HORSE TROTTING (WHEELS)

CURLING

HOCKEY INDOORS.

McGILL UNIVERSITY HOCKEY TEAM AT PRACTICE.

MASQUERADE SKATING CARNIVAL.

SKATING RACE "THE START"

SKATING, THE RACE.

SKATING.

THE ICE PALACE (MONTREAL.)

ICE YACHTING.

SKI-ING.

SKI-ING. THE JUMP AT FINISH OF THE RACE.

THE DOG SLED.

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SNOWSHOERS.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON IN WINTER. (MOUNT ROYAL)

THE BOUNCE.

THE TOBOGGAN SLIDE.

TOBOGGANNING (A JOLLY RIDE)

TANDEM SLEIGH DRIVE.

DOUBLE SLEIGH.

SINGLE SLEIGH.

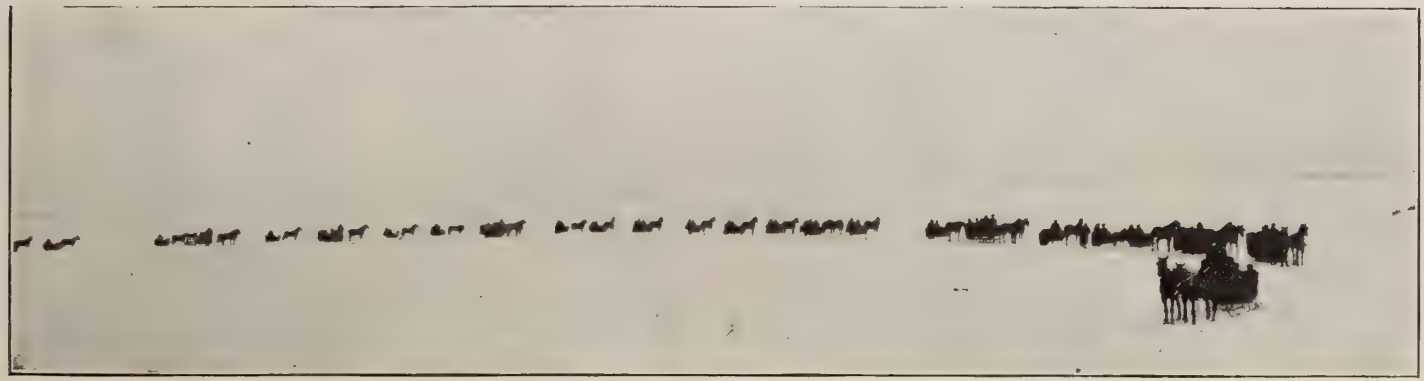
SLEIGH DRIVE

LADY MINTO AND PARTY ON SNOWSHOE AND SKIS.

LORD AND LADY MINTO WITH DOG TRAIN.

FISHING EELS THROUGH HOLE CUT IN ICE.

HUNTING SCENES.



MONTREAL CURLERS ENTERTAINING SCOTCH CURLERS TO SLEIGH DRIVE ON ST. LAWRENCE RIVER

MONTREAL SNOW SHOE CLUB.

FISHING THROUGH HOLE CUT IN ICE.

AFTER A DAY'S HUNT.

GROUP OF SNOWSHOERS.

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